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ALLARD SEEKS SENATE HEARING ON SPANISH PEAKS WILDERNESS BILL

Washington, D.C. — U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) has written a letter to the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Management, U.S. Senator Larry Craig (R-ID), asking that he hold a hearing on his Spanish Peaks Wilderness Bill.

“I would like to request a hearing and markup of this legislation so that it can be passed out of Committee and the Senate by the August recess,” wrote Allard. “After holding a town meeting in the affected area and working with locally elected officials, I believe that all of the issues with the legislation have been worked out and that it could be passed without controversy.”

Allard’s bill, S. 503, would designate around 18,000 acres of land in the San Isabel National Forest located near the town of La Veta in southern Colorado as wilderness. A companion bill sponsored by Colorado Congressmen Scott McInnis and Bob Schaffer has been introduced in the House. Both the Huerfano and Las Animas Board of County Commissioners have endorsed the legislation.